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Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment is filed along with the request for continued examination (RCE) in response to the Final Rejection dated October 31, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows.